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GROWTH RATE OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate of agriculture Sector has suffered a severe setback due to inaccurate assessment of the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the success achieved as a result therefrom during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. The annual rates of growth of GDP at factor cost at 1999-2000 prices in Agriculture and Allied Sectors for the last few years are given in the following table:-

Year	Annual Growth in Agriculture and Allied Activities (in percent)
2002-03	- 7.2
2003-04	10.0
2004-05	0.0
2005-06	5.9
2006-07	3.8
Tenth Five Year Plan average	2.5
2007-08	2.6

Source: Economic Survey, 2007-08 , Government of India New Delhi .

The 11th Five Year Plan has projected the annual growth rate in Agriculture and Allied Activities to increase to around 4%. To achieve this growth rate the GBS allocation to Agriculture and Irrigation Sectors has been projected to increase to Rs. 1,21,556 crore (at 2006-07 prices) in 11th Five Year Plan from the 10th Five Year Plan actual allocation of Rs. 50,639 crore.